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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
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RE: The 11-65 proceeding, AT&T's application to acquire T-Mobile USA

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

On behalf of the citizens of Idaho's State Legislative District One, we appeal to you today to approve the merger request submitted by AT&T and T-Mobile USA.

Our support for this transaction is twofold. First, we recognize the value that expanded broadband access brings to North Idaho's business community. After years of limited broadband wireline and wireless connectivity, our District's businesses can utilize fast, widely available mobile broadband to enhance their competitiveness – locally, nationally and globally. Mobility is a prerequisite to success in today's business world, and North Idaho must keep pace with current technology. The investment that AT&T commits in order to lay the groundwork for its new network will also act as an economic impetus, amplifying the value of this merger for our district's economy.

Second, we anticipate that the improved network resulting from this merger will provide a boost to public safety. Because Idaho's State Legislative District One is a popular spot for recreation, it is important that citizens and visitors can enjoy themselves safely. With the power of a faster, more capable mobile network, our residents and guests can communicate more effectively with police, medics, and firefighters, ensuring their well-being.

In closing, we again ask that you allow AT&T and T-Mobile USA to finalize their proposed merger. We appreciate your consideration and your time.

Sincerely,

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